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## AGREEMENT FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

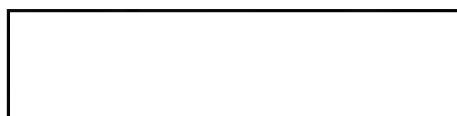
### A. The National Reconnaissance Program

1. The NRP is a single program, national in character, to be developed and maintained through a cooperative endeavor on the part of all agencies of the Government concerned. The potentialities of U. S. technology must be aggressively and imaginatively exploited to develop systems for the collection of intelligence which are fully responsive to national intelligence needs and objectives.

2. The National Reconnaissance Program shall be responsive directly and solely to the intelligence collection requirements and priorities established by the United States Intelligence Board. Scheduling and targeting of both satellite and manned aircraft missions over denied areas shall continue to be the responsibility of USIB, subject to the operational approval of the 303 Committee.

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**B. National Reconnaissance Program Executive Committee**

**3. An NRP Executive Committee, consisting of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence, is hereby established to formulate, guide and regulate the NRP. On the invitation of the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence, the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology shall sit on this committee for the purpose of participating in decisions relating to research and development.**

**The NRP Executive Committee shall:**

- a. Establish an appropriate level of effort for the NRP in response to reconnaissance requirements provided by USIB and in the light of technical capabilities and fiscal limitations.**
- b. Approve or modify the consolidated National Reconnaissance Program and its budget.**
- c. Approve the allocation of responsibility and the corresponding funds for research and preliminary design studies for new systems. Funds shall be adequate to ensure that a vigorous exploratory effort is achieved and maintained by CIA.**

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the military services and other qualified agencies of the Government to meet intelligence requirements through the design and construction of new sensors and systems for the acquisition of intelligence data.

d. Allocate development responsibilities and the corresponding funds for specific reconnaissance programs to the NRO or, in appropriate cases to CIA, the military services, and/or NASA, with a view to ensuring that the development, testing and production of new systems is accomplished with maximum efficiency by the component of the Government best equipped with facilities, experience and technical competence to undertake the assignment. It will also establish guidelines for collaboration between departments and for mutual support where appropriate.

e. Assign operational responsibility for various types of manned overflight missions to CIA or DoD subject to the concurrence of the 303 Committee.

f. Periodically review the essential features of the major program elements of the NRP.

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4. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of either the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence and at least every two weeks. All meetings will be attended by the DNRO and such staff advisers as the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Director of Central Intelligence consider desirable.

C. National Reconnaissance Office

5. To implement the NRP, the Secretary of Defense will establish the NRO as a separate operating agency of the DoD.

6. The Director of the NRO shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense and be responsive solely to the NRP Executive Committee. The Director NRO shall:

a. Be kept fully and completely informed of all programs and activities undertaken as part of the NRP.

b. Subject to review by the Executive Committee, have authority to initiate, approve, modify, redirect or terminate all research and development programs in the NRP.

Ensure, through appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee for the assignment of research and development responsibilities and the allocation of funds,

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concerned with reconnaissance are realized for the invention, improvement and development of reconnaissance systems to meet USIB requirements.

c. Maintain records of all decisions of the Executive Committee and of the status of all projects, programs and activities of the NRP in the research, development, production and/or operational phases.

d. Prepare a coordinated, comprehensive budget for all aspects of the National Reconnaissance Program.

e. Establish a fiscal control and accounting procedure to ensure that all funds expended in support of the National Reconnaissance Program are fully accounted for and appropriately utilized by the agencies concerned. In particular, the budget shall show separately those funds to be applied to research and exploratory design, systems development, procurement, and operational activities.

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It shall show the portion of the funds that are assigned to the ~~Scientifically~~  
~~Central Intelligence Agency~~. Funds expended or obligated under the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence under Public Law 110 shall be administered and accounted for by CIA.

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f. Sit with the USIB for the matters affecting the NRP.

7. The Deputy Director NRO shall be appointed by the DCI and shall be in the chain of command directly under the Director NRO and shall at all times be kept fully and currently informed as to all activities of the National Reconnaissance Program. The Deputy Director shall act for and exercise the powers of the Director, NRO during his absence or disability.

8. The NRO shall be jointly staffed in a balanced way by personnel from the CIA, three military departments and other Government agencies. All NRO personnel will serve solely under the direction and supervision of the DNRO. The NRO staff shall:

a. Furnish staff support to the DNRO and the DDDNRO.

b. Establish a launching schedule for all satellite reconnaissance payloads in response to expressed USIB requirements and ensure that adequate launch vehicles and payloads are procured to meet this schedule.

c. Be responsible for the launching, inflight control, tracking and recovery of satellite reconnaissance operations.

d. Establish and maintain the capability to undertake the engineering, development, production and procurement of new

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reconnaissance systems including satellite payloads.

**D. Satellite Reconnaissance Operations**

9. To implement the DCI's responsibility for targeting and scheduling of satellite reconnaissance missions, the present Satellite Operations Center will become an integral function of the CIA responsive to USIB and the DCI. This Center will be responsible for selecting the orbit and camera programming for individual missions and providing guidance for the on-orbit tasking. It will determine the desired launch schedule in response to USIB requirements and within the constraints imposed by vehicle availability.

**E. Security**

10. The Director of Central Intelligence, in accordance with his statutory responsibilities for protection of intelligence sources and methods, shall be responsible for establishing the over-all security policy for the NRP. The DNRO will be responsible for the coordination of security matters within the participating elements of the NRP. The DNRO will coordinate the release of public information on the NRP with CIA and the DCI. The CIA shall maintain a central record of all security clearances related to the NRP.

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Initial Allocation of Program Responsibilities

11. Responsibility for existing programs of the NRP shall be allocated as indicated in Annex A attached hereto.

Deputy Secretary of Defense

Director of Central Intelligence

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